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Between 13 and 23 April 1954, the following numbers of cars were loaded in the East German Railroad Districts:

	Berlin	Greifswald	Schwerin	Cottbus
Date to	Number of Cars	Number of Cars	Number of Cars	Number of Cars
April	Total For SCC	Total For SCC	Total For SCC	Total For SCC

13	2,260	116	1,038	33	1,562	99	4,372	13
14	2,283	103	969	29	1,511	29	4,014	3
15	2,325	277	959	41	1,442	6	3,995	12
16	1,541	111	581	24	974	184	3,661	10
17	1,740	73	655	22	965	7	3,671	42
18	1,095	11	310	16	371		3,187	40
19	1,184	136	371	24	683	3	3,478	6
20	2,098	74	978	31	1,472	38	4,002	64
21	2,084	172	1,068	25	1,486	57	3,902	
22	2,338	153	1,162	35	1,490	72	4,178	35

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Date in April	Magdeburg		Halle		Erfurt		Dresden	
	Number of Cars Total	For SCC	Number of Cars Total	For SCC	Number of Cars Total	For SCC	Number of Cars Total	For SCC
13	3,913	13	10,357	42	4,813	3	5,615	122
14	3,949	49	10,342	14	4,851	33	5,435	63
15	3,773	40	9,663	76	4,554	81	5,142	64
16	2,875	26	9,142	53	3,449		4,310	26
17	3,066	81	9,726	88	3,489	3	3,231	51
18	2,000	113	8,369		2,444	2	2,235	
19	2,038	174	8,495	71	2,104	14	2,079	7
20	3,491	33	1,002	42	3,992	27	4,284	90
21	3,587	66	9,918	71	4,553	21	4,904	36
22	3,912	28	10,014	33	4,567	38	5,382	70
23	3,823	15	10,259	44	4,641		5,433	26

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Comment. The following numbers of railroad cars were loaded in the different RED districts:

Railroad District	Number of Cars
Halle	97,287
Dresden	48,050
Erfurt	43,457
Cottbus	42,563
Magdeburg	36,427
Berlin	21,254
Schwerin	13,405
Greifswald	9,212

This order reflects the structure of the East German economy which is centered in Middle Germany. In view of the fact that approximately 100,000 freight cars are available in the GDR, the loading of 28,332 freight cars per day, on the average, results in the average of 3.5 days required for a round trip. This performance is excellent. During the last reported period, an average of 30,292 freight cars was loaded per day which represents an average of only 3.3 days for a round trip.

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The Soviets claimed only 4,301 cars for their interest shipments; this is about 1.4 percent of the total volume of loadings. During the last reported period, 7,590 freight cars, i.e. 2.1 percent of the total freight space loaded, had to be made available to the Soviets. These figures are surprisingly low. Although in April, traffic of the Soviet occupation forces is usually at a low, it is noteworthy that the volume of non-military shipments was so small. Prior to the end of 1953, reparations shipments to the USSR represented a major portion of Soviet shipments. Reparations shipments were officially discontinued on 1 January 1954. This may explain the small volume of Soviet non-military shipments, because shipments previously carried as reparations deliveries may no longer be declared as services rendered to the Soviets.

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